

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 191. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, May 23, 2003, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS):

H.R. 1298. An act to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1104. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for parental involvement in abortions of dependent children of members of the Armed Forces.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-126. A Senate concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the food imports that contain the use of banned antibiotics, especially in foreign imported shrimp; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, it is the concern of the Legislature of Louisiana that the presence of chloramphenicol and other banned veterinary drugs in imported shrimp and the legislature calls on the federal government to take immediate and focused efforts to improve enforcement of food import restrictions of seafood imports in order to protect American consumers and ensure safety of the food supply; and

Whereas, chloramphenicol, a potent antibiotic, can cause severe toxic effects in humans, including hypoplastic and aplastic anemia, which is usually irreversible and fatal; and

Whereas, because of these human health impacts, chloramphenicol, nitrofurans, and similar veterinary drugs are not approved for use in food-producing animals in the United States; and

Whereas, countries such as Thailand, Vietnam, and China have been found to use these drugs in the aquaculture of shrimp and other seafood; and

Whereas, the United States imports over four hundred thousand metric tons of shrimp annually, and Thailand and Vietnam are the top two exporters of shrimp to the United States, and China is the fifth largest exporter of shrimp to the United States; and

Whereas, upon detection of chloramphenicol using testing protocols that detect such substances as low as zero point three-tenths (0.3) parts per billion in certain shipments of seafood from China and other nations, in 2002 the European Union and Canada severely restricted imports of shrimp and other food from these nations; and

Whereas, the United States Food and Drug Administration inspects only two percent of all seafood imports into the country and utilizes a testing procedure that cannot detect

the presence of chloramphenicol below one part per billion; and

Whereas, the Food and Drug Administration import testing did not detect chloramphenicol in shrimp imported from these nations in 2002; and

Whereas, independent testing performed by the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas detected the presence of chloramphenicol in samples of imported shrimp from China, as well as from other countries, that were at levels considered harmful to human beings; and

Whereas, imports of seafood from nations that utilize substances banned in the United States such as chloramphenicol, nitrofurans, and other veterinary drugs pose potential threats to American consumers; and

Whereas, denial of entry to contaminated shrimp and other seafood products to the European Union and Canada will likely redirect imports to the United States of contaminated products turned away from these countries; and

Whereas, United States based companies involved in the importation and processing of shrimp are opposed to the use of chloramphenicol and are working with the domestic shrimp industry and the Food and Drug Administration to develop effective protocols, including in-country testing, certification of foreign testing facilities and other means to detect banned antibiotics and to exclude all tainted products from the United States market; Therefore be it

Resolved That the Legislature of Louisiana expresses its concern about the presence of chloramphenicol, nitrofurans, and other veterinary drugs in seafood products especially imported shrimp and its potential impact on the safety of the food, and calls for immediate and focused efforts by the government of the United States to improve enforcement of food import restrictions of seafood imports containing chloramphenicol, nitrofurans, and other banned veterinary drugs in order to protect American consumers and ensure the safety of the food supply and further urges the Food and Drug Administration to continue to work with importers and domestic stakeholders to develop effective methods of excluding such banned antibiotics.

Be it further resolved That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1149. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide energy tax incentives, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-54).

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED AND CONFIRMED

The following nominations were discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and confirmed en bloc by unanimous consent.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Steven C. Beering, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for the remainder of the term expiring May 10, 2004.

Ray M. Bowen, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Elizabeth Hoffman, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1142. A bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DODD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BREAU, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 1143. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1144. A bill to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1145. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1146. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1147. A bill to protect United States ports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BREAU, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1148. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the establishment of medicare demonstration programs to improve health care quality; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1149. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide energy tax incentives, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1150. A bill to establish the Bob Hope American Patriot Award; to the Committee on the Judiciary.